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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs,

I would like to express my concerns about the proposed Microsoft settlement. I am particularly concerned about the potential effect on not-for-profit organizations (Section III(J)(2) and Section III(D)). In many cases, Microsoft's main competitor is a product from a not-for-profit organization. If these organizations' rights are diminished as a result of the proposed settlement, Microsoft will have been effectively rewarded for their past misdeeds.

In my line of work, I use two Microsoft products (Internet Information Server and Exchange Server) and the competing not-for-profit products (Apache – www.apache.org - and SendMail – www.sendmail.org). If these not-for-profit products are removed from the market place, my choices as an end consumer are reduced, and Microsoft's monopoly position is further enhanced.

This hardly seems to be an equitable consequence for abusing one's monopoly position.

Regards,

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